

## MENTAL HOSPITAL SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT USE

*Committee on Finance:* Committee held hearings on the improper use of seclusion and restraints in mental hospitals, and S. 736, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that individuals enjoy the right to be free from restraint and other abuse while in a psychiatric hospital or other care facility or treatment center, receiving testimony from Senators Dodd and Lieberman; Leslie G. Aronovitz, Associate Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Michael Hash, Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Dennis Klima, Bayhealth, Inc., Dover, Delaware; Laura Prescott, Sister Witness International, Worthington, Massachusetts; Charles E. Riordan, Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, Connecticut, on behalf of the American Psychiatric Association; and Terrance Johnson, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

## NOMINATION

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William A. Halter, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, after the nominee, who was in-

troduced by Senator Lincoln, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Ann Claire Williams, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Faith S. Hochberg, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Frank H. McCarthy, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Virginia A. Phillips, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Ms. Williams was introduced by Senators Durbin, Fitzgerald, and Abraham, Ms. Hochberg was introduced by Senators Lautenberg and Torricelli, Mr. McCarthy was introduced by Senators Nickles and Inhofe, and Ms. Phillips was introduced by Senators Feinstein and Boxer, and Representative Calvert.

## ALLEGED CHINESE ESPIONAGE

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts held closed hearings to examine alleged Chinese espionage at United States nuclear facilities and the transfer of United States technology to China, receiving testimony from John Dion, Acting Chief, Internal Security Section, Criminal Division, Department of Justice; and James Griffin, Technical Director, Submarine Security, Office of Chief of Naval Operations.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 7 public bills, H.R. 3145–3151; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 208–209, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** One report was filed today as follows: H.R. 2531, to authorize appropriations for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for fiscal year 2000, amended (H. Rept. 106–415).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Ose to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Stuart York of West Covina, California.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:04 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Extending the Period for Admission of an Alien as a Nonimmigrant:* H.R. 3061, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend for an additional 2 years the period for admission of an alien as a nonimmigrant under section 101(a)(15)(S) of such Act, and to authorize appropriations for the refugee assistance program under chapter 2 of title IV of the Immigration and Nationality Act;

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*Reauthorizing the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act:* H.R. 2496, amended, to reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994;

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**Rongelap Resettlement Act:** H.R. 2970, to prescribe certain terms for the resettlement of the people of Rongelap Atoll due to conditions created at Rongelap during United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;

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**Perkins County Rural Water System Act:** H.R. 970, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota.

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**National Geologic Mapping Reauthorization Act:** H.R. 1528, to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992;

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**Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act:** H.R. 1753, amended, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources. Agreed to amend the title;

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**Concerning Assistance to the Northern Part of Somalia:** H. Con. Res. 20, concerning economic, humanitarian, and other assistance to the northern part of Somalia;

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**Urging an End of the War Between Ethiopia and Eritrea:** H. Con. Res. 46, urging an end of the war between Eritrea and Ethiopia and calling on the United Nations Human Rights Commission and other human rights organizations to investigate human rights abuses in connection with the Eritrean and Ethiopian conflict;

Pages H10807–11

**Statistical Efficiency Act:** H.R. 2885, amended, to provide uniform safeguards for the confidentiality of information acquired for exclusively statistical purposes, and to improve the efficiency and quality of Federal statistics and Federal statistical programs by permitting limited sharing of records among designated agencies for statistical purposes under strong safeguards;

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**Designating the Dwight Eisenhower Executive Office Building:** S. 1652, to designate the Old Executive Office Building located at 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, as the Dwight D. Eisenhower Executive Office Building—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Designating the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse:** S. 437, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 338 Las Vegas Boulevard South in Las Vegas, Nevada, as the “Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse”—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Preventing the Misappropriation of Marks:** H.R. 3028, to amend certain trademark laws to prevent the misappropriation of marks. Subsequently, the House passed S. 1255 and inserted in lieu the text of H.R. 3028. Agreed to amend the title. H.R. 3028 was then laid upon the table;

Pages H10823–31

**Urging a Moratorium on Tariffs and Taxation of Electronic Commerce:** H. Con. Res. 190, amended, urging the United States to seek a global consensus supporting a moratorium on tariffs and on special, multiple, and discriminatory taxation of electronic commerce (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with 1 voting “nay”, Roll No. 537);

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**Sense of Congress Against Increasing Federal Taxes to Fund Additional Government Spending:** H. Con. Res. 208, expressing the sense of Congress that there should be no increase in Federal taxes in order to fund additional Government spending (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 371 yeas to 48 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 538);

Pages H10782–86, H10832–33

**Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Geneva Convention:** H. Con. Res. 102, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and recognizing the humanitarian safeguards these treaties provide in times of armed conflict (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 539);

Pages H10800–04, H10833

**Commending Greece and Turkey for Their Response to the Recent Earthquakes:** H. Con. Res. 188, commending Greece and Turkey for their mutual and swift response to the recent earthquakes in both countries by providing to each other humanitarian assistance and rescue relief (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 424 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 540);

Pages H10804–07, H10833–34

**Locating and Securing the Return of Zachary Baumel and Others:** Agreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1175, to locate and secure the return of Zachary Baumel, an American citizen, and other Israeli soldiers missing in action (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 541)—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Presidential Messages:** Read the following messages from the President:

**Veto Message—Commerce, State, Justice Appropriations:** Message wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 2670, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending

September 30, 2000, and explains his reasons therefor—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–148); and

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**Proposed Legislation—Strengthen Social Security and Medicare Act:** Message wherein he transmitted his legislative proposal entitled the Strengthen Social Security and Medicare Act of 1999—referred to the Committees on Ways and Means, Rules, and Budget and ordered printed (H. Doc. 106–149). Page H10837

**Barry Goldwater Scholarship For Excellence in Education Foundation:** The Chair announced the Minority Leader's appointment of Representative Pickett to the Barry Goldwater Scholarship For Excellence in Education Foundation. Page H10836

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H10772 and H10797–98.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Five yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H10831–32, H10832–33, H10833, H10833–34, and H10834–35. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### KOSOVO—READINESS IMPACT OF OPERATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on the readiness impact of operations in Kosovo: problems encountered, lessons learned, and reconstitution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John P. Jumper, USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Air Forces, Europe; Gen. Charles T. Robertson, Jr., USAF, Commander in Chief, U.S. Transportation Command; and Lt. Gen. John W. Handy, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff (Installations and Logistics), all with the Department of the Air Force; Vice Adm. Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., USN, Commander, 6th Fleet; Vice Adm. James Amerault, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Logistics); and Brig. Gen. Robert M. Flanagan, USMC, Deputy Commander, II MEF (Marine Expeditionary Force), U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy.

### RUSSIAN THREAT PERCEPTIONS AND PLANS FOR SABOTAGE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Research and Development held a hearing on Russian threat perceptions and plans for sabotage against the United States. Testimony was heard from Col. Oleg Gordievsky, KGB, former Chief of Sta-

tion, London; and Christopher Andres, History Department Chair, Cambridge University.

### STATE OF SECURITY—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY LABORATORIES

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the state of security at the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (New Mexico) and Sandia National Laboratory (New Mexico). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Eugene E. Habiger, Director, Office of Security and Emergency Operations; Edward J. Curran, Director, Office of Counter Intelligence; Glenn S. Podonsky, Director, Office of Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance; Gil Weigand, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Computing and Simulation; James Turner, Manager, Oakland Operations Office; and Richard E. Glass, Manager, Albuquerque Operations Office; John C. Browne, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory; C. Paul Robinson, President and Laboratories Director, Sandia National Laboratories; and C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

### OVERSIGHT—FCC REFORM

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held an oversight hearing on Federal Communications Commission Reform for the New Millennium. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: William E. Kennard, Chairman; Susan Ness; Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth; Michael K. Powell; and Gloria Tristani, all Commissioners.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action H.R. 3137, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to provide for training of individuals a President-elect intends to nominate as department heads or appoint to key positions in the Executive Office of the President.

### TAIWAN SECURITY ENHANCEMENT ACT

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1838, Taiwan Security Enhancement Act.

### U.S. TRADE POLICIES AND AGRICULTURAL DISEASE

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a hearing on U.S. Trade Policies and Agricultural Disease: Safety, Economic, and Global Considerations. Testimony was heard from Michael V. Dunn, Under